three years alongwith the names of the States where this assistance has been utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The budget allocation of Government of India for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) have been steadily increasing over the years. During 2006-07, Rs. 11,000 crore have been allocated for SSA. All components of SSA including planning, capacity building and monitoring have been strengthened for better programme implementation.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. International Development Association, Department For International Development of the United Kingdom and European Commission have provided financial assistance to SSA from 2004 to 2006 on reimbursement basis, for upto Rs. 4700 crore approximately.

Reservation of OBCs

2769. DR. K. MALAISAMY Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stand of Government in the matter of reservation of OBCs;

(b) what are the major hurdles including the verdict of Supreme Court in implementing the said reservation and how they will be got over;

(c) whether there will be a time-frame to implement the said reservation;

(d) what is the constitutional position in the reservation for SC/ST on the one side and in the reservation of OBC on the other; and

(e) whether 69 per cent is reserved in-Tamil Nadu and implemented based on a State Act followed by inclusion under IX Scheduled of the Constitution and what is the stand and approach of the Central Government on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) A legislative proposal for effecting reservation for the weaker sections including Other Backward Classes is before Parliament for its consideration.

(e) The Constitution (93th Amendment) Act, 2005, enable the State to make by law, provisions for the advancement of the weaker section *i.e.* the

Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Other Backward Classes in matters of admission to all educational institutions other than minority educational institutions. State Governments have been advised to take action to enact suitable laws for this purpose for the educational institutions falling under their jurisdiction.

Opening of foreign universities

2770. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a group of Ministers has concluded its study on the opening of foreign universities in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government has laid down any guidelines to see that the interest of Indian students does not suffer at these foreign universities;

(d) whether the reservation policy would be applicable to these institutions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The Government intend to introduce a legislative proposal at the earliest to regulate the entry and operation of foreign education institutions, with such consultation as are considered necessary.

Overage expenditure to students

2771. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure per student being incurred by Government for education upto graduation level; and

(b) the percentage of GDP being spent for education in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The data for'the expenditure on education is maintained sector-wise for elementary, secondary and higher education sectors. The higher education sector